



– Photo by Alfredo Vas.02quez

NATURE PRESERVE – The Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, above, encompasses natural riverbeds and foliage that are home to a variety of bird species. The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) conducts several natural research studies at the lower valley wetlands park.

Autumn in El Paso County is ideal for the outdoors

By **Alfredo Vasquez**
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – No place could be better than to live in El Paso County during the Autumn season. The sun rays soften to a mild caress during the daytime after months of beaming scorching summer heat; and the nights become cool and invigorating with their gentle breeze.

The Fall desert climate makes it ideal for enjoying outdoor activities with family and friends. And the numerous recreational areas and parks, that exist throughout El Paso County, have something for everyone.

From the Upper Valley that sprawls below the Franklin Mountains’ western slopes to the historical landmarks that are located throughout the Lower Valley, this region is full of opportunities to appreciate the borderland’s offerings.

Whether individuals want to enjoy an afternoon family picnic, a daytime getaway, or an overnight hiking trip, the right venue is only a few miles away. These notable green spaces – that are maintained by the either the City of El Paso, El Paso County, or Texas Parks and Wildlife Department – offer an array of amenities.

Within the city limits, Memorial Park, a 49-acre tree-laden oasis, is located in the Manhattan Heights Historical District, one of the most historic neighborhoods in West Texas. The park offers picturesque overlooks of Downtown El Paso and is dotted with acres of mature trees that make it conducive for picnics. The park also includes an aquatic center, tennis courts, a branch of the El Paso

Library, and softball and baseball fields.

Another recreational area within the city limits is the 75-acre nature preserve located off of North Virginia Street. The preserve provides a paved walkway through Crazy Cat Estates and guides hikers to trails into the Franklin Mountains from where a panoramic view of the borderland’s skyline opens up. The trails also accommodate mountain biking for individuals looking for a challenge on rocky terrain.

In El Paso County, commissioners have embarked on a crusade to improve the parks entrusted to them. The county’s premier green space is the 400-acre Ascarate Park and its 48-acre surface lake.

Ascarate Park is the largest public-use recreational park in the county and is dedicated to sports, picnicking, fishing, boating, and other recreational activities. The park has a lakeside boardwalk, a fully equipped aquatic center, playgrounds and picnic facilities, an 18-hole golf course, and the Community Healing Garden, a peaceful space dedicated to the 23 innocent lives taken on August 3, 2019, in El Paso.

Another unique park in the county is the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, which is managed by UTEP’s Center for Environmental Resource Management and the City of El Paso. This 372-acre hikers’ paradise is situated in Socorro TX along the Rio Grande flood plains. It is one of the best places to see native wildlife as variety of animal species inhabit the grounds and an assortment of migrating birds frequent the wetland ponds.

“Wetlands and riverside forests once graced the banks of the Rio Grande in the Paso del Norte region. They were the most productive natural

habitats in the region, but today they are virtually gone,” a UTEP official noted. “At Rio Bosque, the environment is still changing, but in a new way. Here, a diverse partnership is working to bring back meaningful examples of the unique and valuable ecosystems once found in our river valley.”

Some of the state’s most interesting recreational areas that are maintained by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department can be found in the El Paso region.

First, there is McKelligon Canyon, which lies on the southeastern side of the Franklin Mountains. Surrounded by canyon walls, this popular destination is known for its rock climbing, hiking, running, walking and biking opportunities. Visitors have a variety of rock-climbing routes to choose from and the symmetric terrain is filled with crevices and cracks. All hiking trails, including the Ron Coleman Trail, begin at the end of the Canyon and are open year-round. McKelligon Canyon is also home of the city’s scenic amphitheater, where the renowned Viva El Paso pageantry is showcased every summer.

And there is the Franklin Mountains State Park, which is nearly 25,000 acres of majestic terrain. The mountain park boasts some of the most iconic cave structures in the borderland. The park offers various activities for day or overnight use.

The park encompasses numerous access points to follow into the Franklin Mountains with the Tom Mays Access Road off Transmountain Road on the west side of the mountains the most commonly used. The park rangers’ visitors center is also accessible

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Lisa Cook is wrong

Uncharacteristically for him, Donald Trump is being too modest in asserting his power over the Federal Reserve.

He’s fired Lisa Cook “for cause,” citing a clearly pretextual alleged mortgage infraction, when, as a constitutional matter, he should be able to fire her, or Chairman Jerome Powell, for any reason he deems appropriate.

The independence of the Federal Reserve largely rests on its status as a constitutional anomaly, exercising executive authority without being subject to the same rules as the rest of the executive branch. There are good policy reasons for this – an independent central bank promotes monetary stability – but the Fed has been granted, in effect, an exemption from our constitutional order for

prudential reasons.

The Fed itself isn’t in on the joke. Lisa Cook thinks she can’t be fired and is suing to keep her job, while Jerome Powell has laughably maintained that he can’t be removed from the chairmanship.

Cook can only be given a pink slip for “cause,” according to the statute. “Cause” is a broad term, though. If it is interpreted the usual way, it would include a refusal to carry out a presidential directive or policy disagreements. As for Powell, there isn’t even any statutory restriction on dismissing him as chairman.

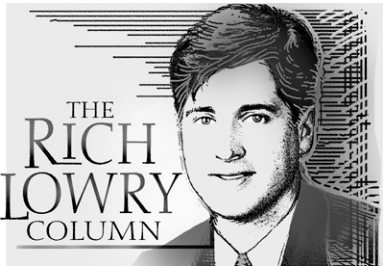
The head of the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau was also supposed to be insulated from removal thanks to a provision saying that it had to be “for cause.” How did that turn out? In 2020, the Supreme Court held that such a constraint was unconstitutional.

This decision was in keeping with the Court’s

recent drive to vindicate the president’spowerto fire-at-will officials whose agencies carry out executive functions.

Article II of the Constitution doesn’t explicitly say the president can fire executive-branch officials, but it is implied in the president’s power to run the executive branch, as such Founding-era luminaries as James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson recognized.

In a 1922 Supreme Court case, Chief Justice Taft wrote for the majority that as the president’s “selection of administrative officers is essential to



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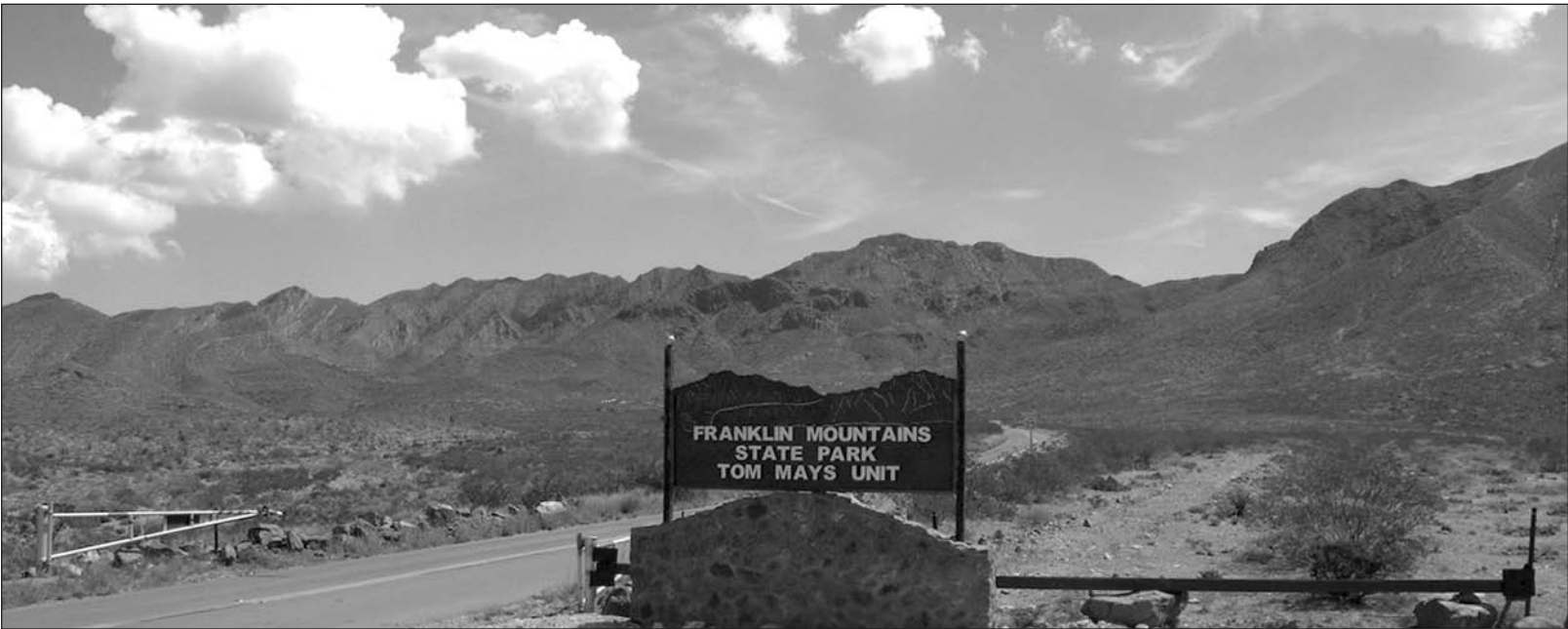
Outdoors

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via the Transmountain Road entrance.

The Franklin Mountains overlook the Rio Grande and are the northern barriers of the Paso del Norte which stretch from the United States into Mexico. According to Texas Parks and Wildlife officials, “Native Americans have been passing through the area for thousands of years. Over the last four centuries, soldiers, priests, traders, adventurers, gold-seekers, entrepreneurs and many others have followed the same path.” They added that colorful pictographs (rock paintings) and etched petroglyphs on boulders and rock walls are proof of the Native American tribes that made the region home over 12,000 years ago.

Then there is Hueco Tanks. Hueco, meaning hollow, refers to the many water-holding depressions in the boulders and rocks throughout



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

GET YOUR BOOTS ON – Franklin Mountains State Park, above, boasts some the most interesting paths along quiet trails, that lead hikers to cliffs that offer an exceptional view of the Chihuahuan Desert.

the park. Due to the unique concentration of historic artifacts, plants and wildlife, the site is under protection of Texas law. This historic site is located in the county’s eastern-most boundary and is accessible via El Paso’s Montana Avenue (U.S. Route 62/ 180).

Hueco Tanks consists of

three syenite (a weak form of granite) mountains; it is 860 acres in area and is popular for recreational activities, such as birdwatching, bouldering, or hiking to view the pictographs that can be found throughout the region, many of which are thousands of years old. The park is considered culturally and spiritually significant to many Native Americans who populated the region thousands of years ago.

Besides these prominent recreational places there are

several other community parks conveniently located throughout the county, like Gallegos Park in Canutillo, Bulldog Championship Park in Socorro, Shaver Park in Ysleta, Pavo Real Park near the Tigua reservation, Album Park in East El Paso, and Tobin-Nations Park in Northeast El Paso. Additionally, there are the city parks that can be found in just about every neighborhood.

So, Autumn season in El

Paso County is the most opportune time to go outdoors and enjoy nature. The weather is just right – not too hot and not too cold. Whether you are a local resident or a visitor to the border area, venturing out to a nearby park can be both stimulating and relaxing.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Oct. 13, 1775, the Continental Congress authorizes construction and administration of the first American naval force, the precursor to the United States Navy, which was established April 1798.
- On Oct. 14, 1957, The Everly Brothers scored their first No. 1 hit on the Billboard charts with "Wake Up, Little Susie." Though the lyrics described a perfectly innocent scenario, the song still managed to stir up enough controversy to get it banned in Boston for a time.
- On Oct. 15, 2004, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ruled that hearse manufacturers would no longer be required to install anchors for child-safety seats in their vehicles, though the rare models that contain rear seats are not technically "funeral coaches" and are therefore subject to the same child-restraint rules as other carmakers.
- On Oct. 16, 1991, George Jo Hennard drove his truck through a Luby's Cafeteria window in Killeen, Texas,

before opening fire on a lunch crowd of more than 100, killing 23 and injuring 20 more. He was shot several times by police before fatally turning the gun on himself. No clear reason for one of the deadliest shootings in U.S. history was ever determined.

- On Oct. 17, 1835, Texans approved a resolution to create the Texas Rangers, a corps of armed and mounted lawmen designed to "range and guard the frontier between the Brazos and Trinity Rivers."
- On Oct. 18, 1977, New York Yankees outfielder Reggie Jackson hit three home runs in a row off of three consecutive pitches from three different pitchers – a feat only Babe Ruth had ever previously pulled off – in the sixth game of the World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers.
- On Oct. 19, 1796, an essay by a writer calling himself "Phocion" appeared in the Gazette of the United States, in which presidential candidate Thomas Jefferson was accused of carrying on an affair with one of his enslaved workers. Phocion turned out to be former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- A California man who made a personalized license plate that said "No Plate" received more than 2,500 parking tickets.
- Omphalophobia is the fear of belly buttons.
- Prior to 1949, tennis court grass was kept at 2 inches long – that is, until a player was bitten by a snake. It's now typically maintained at a length of 8 mm.
- Scientists have found evidence of take-out restaurants in the remains of Pompeii.
- Japan has the highest density of vending machines worldwide, with approximately 5 million machines, or one machine for every 23 people. You can buy everything from live lobsters and bread in a can, to underwear and Buddhist amulets from a vending machine.
- The first European who learned to smoke from the natives was arrested back home because people thought

he was possessed by the devil.

- Dolly Parton's parents paid the doctor who delivered her with a bag of cornmeal.
- The most expensive domain name ever sold was Voice.com, which was acquired for \$30 million in 2019.
- Caribbean sperm whales have their own accents.
- Avid readers won't be intimidated by a hefty novel, but they'll still surely be impressed by what's been deemed the largest book ever. Weighing

more than 3,000 pounds and measuring 16.40 feet by 26.44 feet with 429 pages inside, the book, which is titled "This is Muhammad," was created in 2012 by 50 people working together in the United Arab Emirates.

- A flea can accelerate faster than a space shuttle.

Thought for the Day: "Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can."

– Danny Kaye

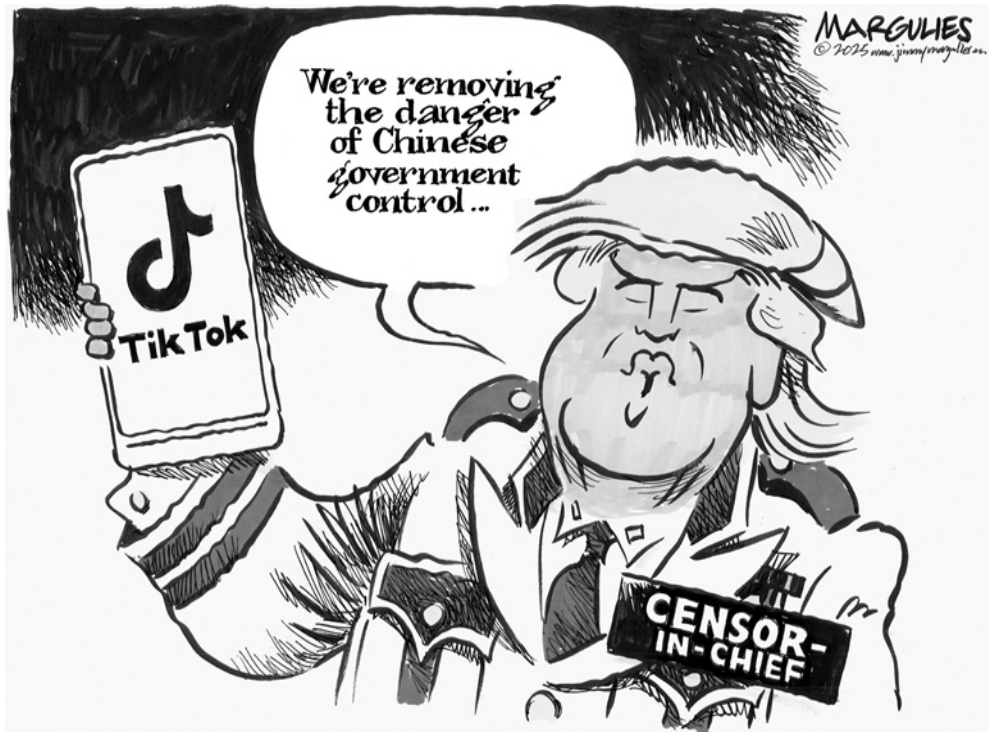
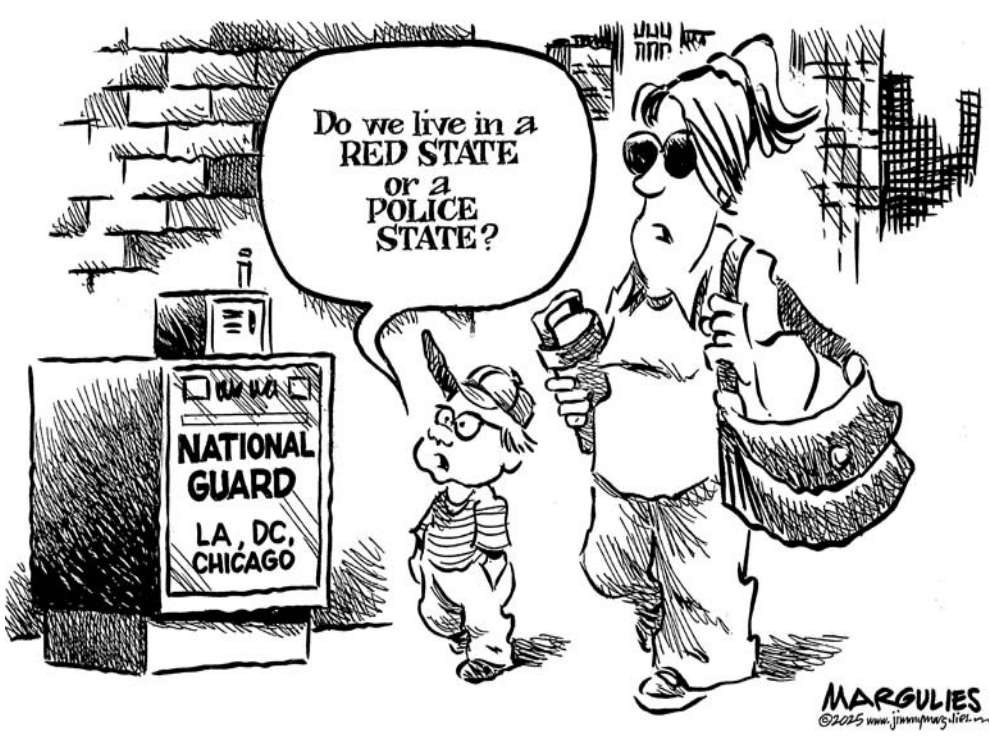
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Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Canutillo Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 28, 2025 in the boardroom of the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Canutillo Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

WTCC: 10/16/25



Notice of Special Election – Tornillo Independent School District • Aviso de Elección Especial – Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo

To the Registered Voters of the Tornillo Independent School District of Tornillo, Texas:

A los votantes registrados de Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo de Tornillo, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, for voting in a Special Election, to vote on a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election for the Tornillo Independent School District.

Se les notifica, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el martes, 4 de noviembre de 2025 para votar en la Elección Especial, para votar sobre la Elección de Tasa de Impuestos Aprobada por el Votante para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo.

ELECTION DAY
November 4, 2025
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
On Election Day any El Paso County registered voter is eligible to vote at any El Paso County Vote Center. Visit <https://epcountyvotes.com/> for all locations or changes.
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DIA de ELECCION
4 de Noviembre el 2025
7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.
El día de las elecciones, cualquier votante registrado en el condado de El Paso es elegible para votar en cualquier Centro de Votación del Condado de El Paso. Visite <https://epcountyvotes.com/> para todas las ubicaciones o cambios.
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Curbside Voting
If a voter is physically unable to enter the polling place without assistance or likelihood of injury to his or her health, an election worker may bring a voting unit during Early Voting or on Election Day to their car at the entrance or curb of the voting location on the voter's request (Texas Election Code, Section 64.009(a)). All curbside voters will be allowed the same privacy as a voter at the voting booth.

If the voter is not only physically unable to enter the polling place, but is also eligible for voter assistance in marking his/her ballot:

- Two election workers may assist the voter (Texas Election Code, Section 64.032(a)) or;
- The voter may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer, or agent of that employer, or officer or agent of a labor union to which the voter belongs (Texas Election Code, Section 64.032(c); 52 U.S.C. § 10508).

Every polling place during the Early Voting period or on Election Day will designate a space for curbside voting. If you are a voter requesting

curbside voting, you may call or text to request assistance. The phone number will be displayed in an A-Frame sign that will be placed at the designated spot. We ask that you park in front of the sign for assistance.

For more information please contact our office at (915) 273-3597.

Votación en la Acera
Si un votante no puede físicamente ingresar al lugar de votación sin asistencia o existe la posibilidad de que su salud sufra daños, un trabajador electoral puede llevar una unidad de votación durante la votación adelantada o el día de las elecciones a su automóvil en la entrada o acera del lugar de votación a solicitud del votante (Código Electoral de Texas, Sección 64.009(a)). A todos los votantes en la acera se les permitirá la misma privacidad que a un votante en las urnas.

Si el votante no sólo no puede físicamente ingresar al lugar de votación, sino que también es elegible para recibir asistencia para marcar su boleta:

- Dos trabajadores electorales pueden ayudar al votante (Código Electoral de Texas, Sección 64.032(a)) o;
 - El votante puede recibir asistencia de una persona de su elección, que no sea el empleador del votante, o un agente de ese empleador, o un funcionario o agente de un sindicato al que pertenezca el votante (Código Electoral de Texas, Sección 64.032(c); 52 U.S.C. § 10508).
- Cada lugar de votación durante el período de votación adelantada o el día de las elecciones designará un espacio para la votación en la acera. Si usted es un votante que solicita la votación en la acera, puede llamar o enviar un mensaje de texto para solicitar ayuda. El número de teléfono se mostrará en un letrero que se colocará en el lugar designado. Le pedimos que se estacione frente al letrero para obtener ayuda.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con nuestra oficina al (915) 273-3597.

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19210 Cobb Ave. 79853

Enrique Moreno County Courthouse
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600 S. Ochoa St. 79901

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906 El Paso St. 79902

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2510 N. St. Vrain St. 79902
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YWCA Joyce Whitfield Jaynes Branch
1600 Brown St. 79902

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3200 Pershing Dr. 79903

H.R. Moye Elementary School
4825 Alps Dr. 79904

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3200 Ellerthorpe Ave. 79904

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8831 Railroad Dr. 79904

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6314 Delta Dr. 79905

Hilos de Plata Senior Center
4451 Delta Dr. 79905

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7440 Northern Pass Dr. 79911

Brown Middle School
7820 Helen of Troy Dr. 79912
Room 139 (Cuarto 139)

Coronado High School
100 Champions Pl. 79912

Dorris Van Doren Library
551 Redd Rd. 79912

Dr. Green Elementary School
5430 Buckley Dr. 79912

Fire Station #27
6767 Ojo De Agua Dr. 79912

Polk Elementary School
940 Belvidere St. 79912
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Rosa Guerrero Elementary School
7530 Lakehurst Rd. 79912

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1575 Belvidere St. 79912

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750 Sunland Park Dr. 79912

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6201 Hughey Cir. 79925

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10700 Gateway Blvd E. 79927

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Escontrias Elementary School
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693 N. Rio. Vista Rd. 79927

Robert R. Rojas Elementary School
500 Bauman Rd. 79927
Lobby (Área de Espera)

Western Technical College
9624 Plaza Cir. 79927

Agua Dulce Community Center
15371 Kentwood Ave. 79928

Carroll T. Welch Elementary School
14510 McMahon Ave. 79928

Desert Hills Elementary School
300 N. Kenazo Dr. 79928

Desert Wind K-8 School
1100 Colina De Paz Dr. 79928

Dr. Sue A. Shook Elementary School
13777 Paseo Del Este Blvd. 79928

Horizon Fire Department Station #2
12361 Paseo Del Este Blvd. 79928

Horizon Heights Elementary School
13601 Ryderwood Ave. 79928

KEYS Academy
12380 Pine Springs Dr. 79928

Oz Glaze Senior Center
13969 Veny Webb St. 79928

Sierra Vista Elementary School
1501 Bob Hope Dr. 79936

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1832 Tommy Aaron Dr. 79936

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3830 Rich Beem Blvd. 79938

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12440 Rojas Dr. 79928

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1800 Byron St. 79930

Paul C. Moreno Elementary School
2300 San Diego Ave. 79930

Wayne Thorton Community Center at Grandview
3134 Jefferson Ave. 79930

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Dr. Nixon Elementary School
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Bill Sybert K-8 School
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11670 Chito Samaniego Dr. 79936

El Paso County Eastside Annex
2350 George Dieter Dr. 79936

Helen Ball Elementary School
1950 Firehouse Dr. 79936

Jane Hambric K-8 School
3535 Nolan Richardson Dr. 79936

Marty Robbins Recreation Center
11620 Vista Del Sol Dr. 79936

O'Shea Keleher Whole Child Academy
1800 Leroy Bonse Dr. 79936

Pebble Hills Elementary School
11145 Edgemere Blvd. 79936

Sierra Vista Elementary School
1501 Bob Hope Dr. 79936

Tierra Del Sol Elementary School
1832 Tommy Aaron Dr. 79936

Esperanza Acosta Moreno Library
12480 Pebble Hills Blvd. 79938

Gonzalez Place
4101 Rich Beem Blvd. 79938

Hurshel Antwine Elementary School
3830 Rich Beem Blvd. 79938

La Fe Montana Vista Community Center
14618 Gregg Dr. 79938

Lujan-Chavez Elementary School
2200 Sun Country Dr. 79938

Montana Vista Elementary School
550 Mark Jason Dr. 79938

Pebble Hills High School
14400 Pebble Hills Blvd. 79938

Red Sands Elementary School
4250 O'Shea Rd. 79938

UTEP - Union Building East
351 W. University Ave. 79968

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas en el Anexo A adjunto al presente.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:

The County of El Paso Elections Department
Attn: Early Voting Clerk
500 E. San Antonio, Ste. 314
El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 24, 2025.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el viernes, 24 de octubre 2025.

Issued this 18th day of August of 2025.

Emitida esta 18 día de agosto de 2025.

Marlene Bullard
Presiding Officer
Oficial que Preside

EXHIBIT A
LOCATION, DATES AND HOURS OF OPERATION OF POLLING PLACES FOR EARLY VOTING (In Zip Code order):

ANEXO A
DIRECCION, DIAS Y HORAS HABLES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES PARA VOTACION ANTICIPADA (En orden de código postal):

Early Voting period will be from Monday, October 20, 2025 through Friday, October 31, 2025.

La votación anticipada será desde el lunes 20 de octubre de 2025 hasta el viernes 31 de octubre de 2025.

South El Paso Senior Citizens Center
600 S. Ochoa St. 79901

Classroom
Monday, Oct. 20, 2025 - Friday, Oct. 24, 2025
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025 - Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025
12 PM - 5:00 PM

Monday, Oct. 27, 2025 - Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025 - Friday, Oct. 31, 2025
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Enrique Moreno County Courthouse - Main Early Voting Location
500 E. San Antonio Ave. 79901

Third Floor, Back Lobby
Monday, Oct. 20, 2025 - Friday, Oct. 24, 2025
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City of San Elizario Municipal Court
12004 Socorro Rd., Ste. B 79849

Classroom
Monday, Oct. 20, 2025 - Friday, Oct. 24, 2025
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025 - Friday, Oct. 31, 2025
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Monday, Oct. 27, 2025 - Friday, Oct. 31, 2025
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Canutillo Nutrition Center
7351 Bosque Rd. 79835

Exercise Room
Monday, Oct. 20, 2025 - Friday, Oct. 24, 2025
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025 - Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025
12 PM - 5:00 PM

Monday, Oct. 27, 2025 - Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025 - Friday, Oct. 31, 2025
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Nations Tobin Sports Center
8831 Railroad Dr. 79904

Small Rink
Monday, Oct. 20, 2025 - Friday, Oct. 24, 2025
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025 - Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Monday, Oct. 27, 2025 - Friday, Oct. 31, 2025
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Arlington Park Shelter
10350 Pasadena Cir. 79924

Main Room
Monday, Oct. 20, 2025 - Friday, Oct. 24, 2025
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025 - Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Monday, Oct. 27, 2025 - Friday, Oct. 31, 2025
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UTEP basketball season is a big mystery

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I know we’re still in the middle of football season, both college and pro, but it’s about this time every year that El Pasoans start asking the same question.

When does the UTEP basketball season start?

Well, it may be hard to believe but Joe Golding and the Miners tipoff the regular season in just over two weeks.

That’s right, the new and hopefully improved Miners will take on the UT Permian Basin Falcons on Monday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Don Haskins Center.

In fact, UTEP’s first three games are at home. They’ll play three games in an 8-day period. UTEP will follow the UTPB game with a Nov. 7 contest against Western New Mexico University and then on Nov. 11 against Loyola Marymount.

A lot has happened since the end of last season.

After struggling through a disappointing 18-15 season where they crashed and burned down the stretch, losing eight of their last nine games, strong talk arose about the head coach.

Like the town’s people carrying pitchforks in protest of Frankenstein’s monster, many fans were demanding that Golding be fired.

And it would be hard to argue with them. After four years, Golding’s Miners have compiled a very mediocre 70-63 record, including three losing seasons in Conference USA.

His winning percentage at UTEP is just 52.6%. But that shouldn’t surprise us, in 10 years at Abilene Christian (where he was hired from), his winning percentage was 52.3%.

Well, in the end, UTEP decided to keep Golding and extend his contract through the 2027-28 season. It will automatically be extended another year if he wins a conference title or advances to the NCAA Tournament.

The contract extension was definitely a risk, but it’s also very smart.

As almost everyone already knows, this is UTEP’s final season as a member of Conference USA and next year at this time they’ll be competing in the Mountain West Conference.

Although the MWC isn’t what it once was, it is still far better than CUSA in reputation, financial prosperity and competitive talent.

And it probably wouldn’t be the right time to head into a new league with a new unproven coach and an unstable situation.

Besides, there’s enough instability in the amount of new players Golding

will have to put out on the floor.

Once again, the Miners lost a ton of players from last season and fans will only recognize three names from 2024, Elijah Jones, Trey Horton and KJ Thomas.

Which means that the other 11 men on the roster will be playing their first games as Miners.

Two parts of the game that have always plagued Golding’s teams at UTEP have been shooting and rebounding.

We’ll see pretty soon whether this crop of Miners can shoot the basketball but are the new Miners big enough to compete around the basket?

How bad was UTEP at rebounding last year, of the 355 teams in the country, the Miners were ranked 334th.

Did UTEP solve it’s “big boy” needs? Well, they added 6-9 Kaseem Watson, a transfer from Delaware St. who averaged six rebounds a game, and Mouhamed Mbaye, a 6-10 junior college center who is raw and will be more of a project.

Along with the returning 6-9 Elijah Jones, the Miners also bring in Jamal West Jr., who is only 6-6, but was a tenacious rebounder for his size at Nicholls State.

So, are the Miners going to be a better rebounding team? The most I can say is I hope so.

They won’t have that 6-11, or 7-footer who will average close to double-digit rebounds a night, and that is going to be a problem again.

I know that Golding has always said that it’s hard to find a talented big man out there, but why is it that almost every team the Miners play, has one or two of those guys?

There’s no doubt that El Paso is a basketball town and its fans look forward to the new season and reminisce about how things used to be when Don Haskins was growling from the bench.

Don’t look now, but another basketball season is upon us and after his extension, Golding will have another chance to prove his worth.

I’m rooting for them – and him.

Senior moment By Matilda Charles

Yes, you can turn off the news

Several months ago I took a “short” break from watching the daily news – except that break wasn’t so short after all when I extended it to over a month.

Then, wanting to continue with the peace that came from not being hooked into the daily news cycles and media hysteria, I set my phone to send me alerts with short blurbs about important news. I could quickly scan the few lines of the alert, catch up and be done with it. That’s worked well these past months.

Except it doesn’t keep people from calling me to ask if I’ve seen a certain piece of news or telling me to quickly turn on the television. The bigger the news, the more people who call.

I’ve advised more than one upset person to turn the television off and not turn it on again for an hour or two. After a serious event, news stations will continue to hash over the same initial information, even if they don’t know

anything new. Nothing good can come from hearing the same bad news over and over.

There’s more to it than just keeping up with what’s going on. If you’re having trouble sleeping, if you’re stressed all the time, if you’re afraid or angry – all these things can be a result of watching too much of the news.

If you have high blood pressure and a home monitor, keep track of it as a way to spot whether any spikes in your BP coincide with events you’ve watched on the news.

If you have a cellphone, there are several free news apps you can use that will alert you to events.

And, in case no one has ever told you, it really is OK to just turn off the news.

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END-OF-OCTOBER OPTIONS ACROSS

- 1 Messiah of Christianity, in Italy
- 5 Broody music genre
- 8 Club wielders' org.
- 11 Fire hydrant attachment
- 15 Beast of burden
- 18 Tolkien monsters
- 19 Flight routes
- 21 Pizzazz
- 22 Simian beast
- 23 Search for hidden objects
- 25 Owing no money
- 27 Old Greek region
- 28 In the past
- 29 Firearm safety feature
- 31 Sam Spade's cover-up
- 34 Spot in la mer
- 35 See 109-Down
- 36 Pottery oven
- 37 Some milk dispensers
- 40 Stork relative
- 43 Blue-eyed cat
- 47 Rolled the dice at a casino, say
- 50 Loafing sorts
- 51 Sean of films
- 52 Dressed in
- 53 Singer Lana Del _
- 54 French composer
- Edouard
- 55 Purview

- 57 1860s White House nickname
- 60 Oprah of TV
- 62 Statement that might follow "Come on in"
- 66 1920s White House nickname
- 67 Part of SST
- 68 Qatari capital
- 69 Qatari, e.g.
- 71 Spanish appetizers
- 75 Cpl., e.g.
- 77 2022 Tom Cruise sequel
- 80 Poseidon and Neptune
- 84 Stew sphere
- 85 Architect Saarinen
- 86 Italian money
- 87 Young lady
- 88 T. _ Price
- 90 Young lady
- 92 Messes (up)
- 94 Procedure to evaluate heart health
- 98 Roughly shaped
- 99 K.P. veggie
- 100 La Forge of
- 101 Star Trek: The Next Generation"
- 101 Clock datum
- 102 Be rife (with)
- 105 Pro bono TV ad, for short
- 106 Nauseous from motion, to Brits
- 112 Look at yet again to make sure
- 116 Barley brew

- 117 Steve of country rock
- 118 "Clever plan!"
- 119 What is found divided at the starts and ends of nine answers in this puzzle
- 122 Former Fox competitor
- 123 Pop diva Celine
- 124 Copying a pig
- 125 Regarding
- 126 Lean-_ (crude sheds)
- 127 Part of SSE
- 128 String after Q
- 129 la. neighbor
- 130 Plug tightly

DOWN

- 1 "Oh, I see"
- 2 Boo-boo
- 3 Act division
- 4 Sprinter Bolt
- 5 Water, in Lille
- 6 Wonderwork
- 7 It's north of Nevada
- 8 Basketball player
- Gasol
- 9 "Peer _" (Ibsen play)
- 10 Situated on both sides of
- 11 Borderline of bushes
- 12 Couturier Cassini
- 13 Duel sword
- 14 Admission
- 15 Dueler with

- Alexander Hamilton
- 16 Project detail
- 17 Search out
- 20 "Easy there!"
- 24 One looting
- 26 Thrash about
- 30 Cole Porter's "Where Is the Life That Late _?"
- 32 Warn like a snake or cat
- 33 Go left, e.g.
- 38 Libyan cash
- 39 Skiing stuff
- 41 Frozen drink brand
- 42 Vodka brand
- 43 Sediments
- 44 It's north of Nevada
- 45 _ wrench
- 46 Copying a cat
- 47 Small British cafe
- 48 Actor Close
- 49 Capitol body
- 51 Politico Ross
- 56 Scarlet, say
- 58 Lover boy
- 59 Heartfelt
- 61 Suddenly worsen
- 63 Harmonious union
- 64 Look awed
- 65 Makes docile
- 70 Drinking site
- 72 Second-century pope
- 73 Lot divisions
- 74 Teensy bit
- 76 Former Laker
- Lamar
- 78 Played Fortnite,

- e.g.
- 79 Loudness
- 80 Cpls.' bosses
- 81 Frontier sheriff Wyatt
- 82 Attu's islands
- 83 Big drink
- 89 Tusked beast
- 91 "That so?"
- 93 Brunch staple
- 95 Proficient
- 96 Fail to win
- 97 Farm vehicle
- 98 Easily deceived sort
- 101 "That's what I'm _ about!"
- 103 Skip over, as a syllable
- 104 Newspapers, TV, etc.
- 107 Oven shelf
- 108 Indian wraps
- 109 With 35-Across, player of Granny on "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- 110 Actress Bow
- 111 _ One (vodka brand)
- 112 Certain bolt holder
- 113 Many a seized auto
- 114 Co. honchos
- 115 Reality TV's Jenner
- 120 Acct. accrual
- 121 Abbr. of primary colors

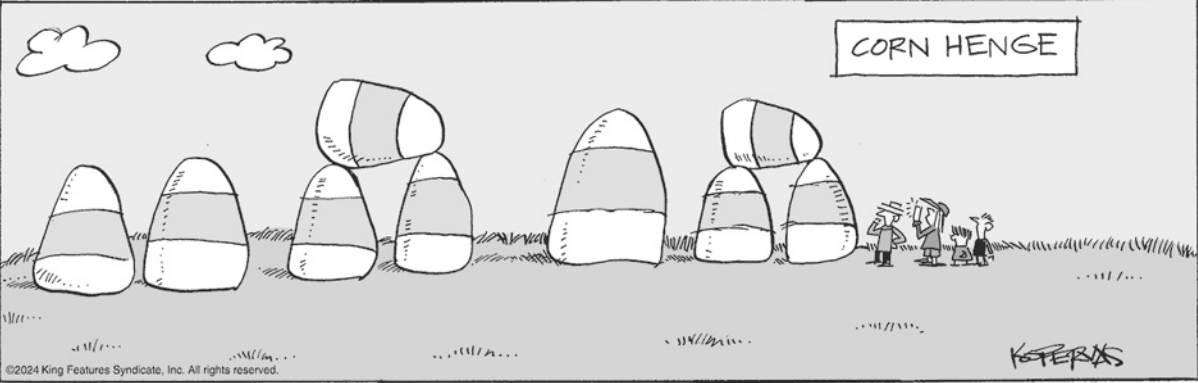
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Super Crossword

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



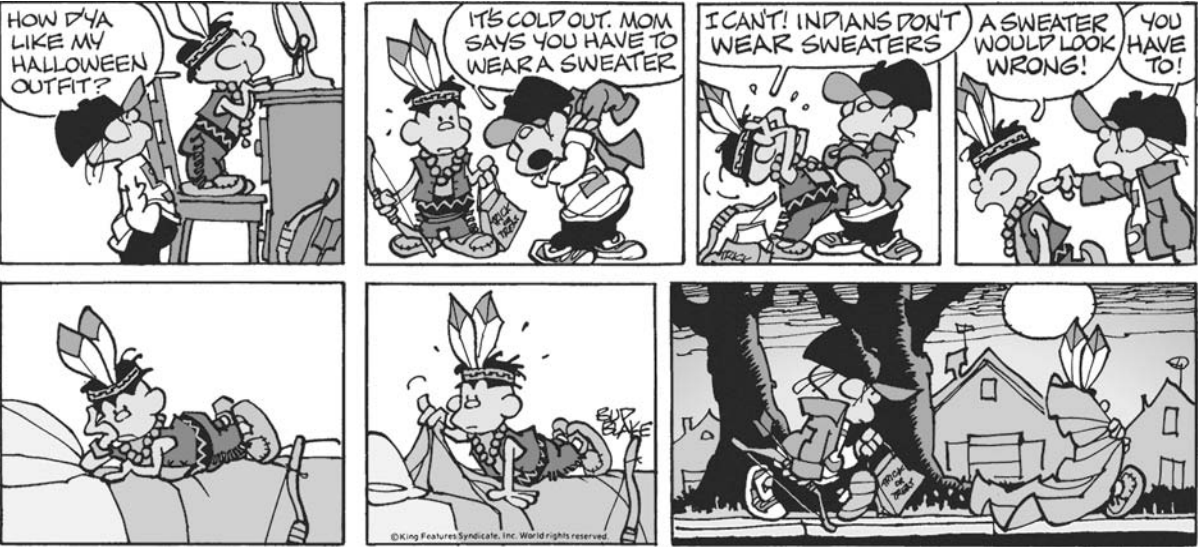
AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



TIGER By Bud Blake



Lowry

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the execution of the laws by him, so must be his power of removing those for whom he cannot continue to be responsible.”

The rise of independent agencies with the New Deal and a Supreme Court decision called Humphrey’s Executor, saying FDR couldn’t fire at will the commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission, sent the removal power into retreat.

But the decision in the CFPB case undercut the logic of Humphrey’s Executor, as have other recent decisions. In a concurrence in the CFPB case, Clarence Thomas said it wasn’t clear what was left of the reasoning of Humphrey’s. Whatever remained, he wrote, wasn’t enough “to justify the numerous, unaccountable independent agencies that currently exercise vast executive power outside the bounds of our constitutional structure.” That should have gotten the Fed’s attention.

The Court has sidestepped the status of the Federal Reserve in its removal-power jurisprudence. But there’s no legal reason that

it should be considered an oasis standing apart from the Court’s ruling that there is no “de facto fourth branch of government” lacking “accountability to either the president or the people.”

The Fed clearly exercises executive power in its vast regulatory functions, just as the CFPB does. It promulgates rules, polices banks, and issues fines. The Court has held that if an agency exercises executive power only in a fraction of its functions, it is subject to the president’s removal power.

The cleanest solution would be to pass a constitutional amendment authorizing an independent Fed or a similar entity. Short of that, the Federal Reserve’s regulatory functions could be handed over to another executive agency (although core monetary functions of the Fed also may be executive in nature).

The Supreme Court will surely be reluctant to grasp the nettle on the Fed. Yet, there’s little doubt that, on the legal merits, Lisa Cook should be sending out her resume.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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All UV light exposure causes damage to skin

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have a question about suntanning. First off, I want to say that I get yearly skin cancer checks, love the sun, and hardly ever use suntan lotion. I monitor my time outside, so as not to get a sunburn. I see warnings about certain days being high ultraviolet (UV) days. Are they talking about UVA or UVB, and which one gives you a tan? – S.K.



You’re not going to like my answer, because all types of UV light exposure, whether they lead to a sunburn or suntan, cause damage to the skin and lead to an increased risk of skin cancer. A tan from sunlight leads to a small degree of protection against further UV light damage, but there is still ongoing skin damage with UV light exposure. Even people with very dark skin are susceptible to skin cancer, although their risk is a lot less than others.

UVA light is more constant throughout the year and penetrates deeper into the skin. UVB light is stronger near the equator, at higher altitudes, and closer to the summer solstice. The UV index reported by the National Weather Service considers both UVA and UVB light in its calculations, as well as the time of year, altitude, and cloud cover.

Both UVA and UVB light cause the skin to tan, but tanning from UVA light alone (for example, in a tanning machine) doesn’t provide any protection from the sun. So, while I am at least glad that you aren’t exposing yourself enough to get burned, I don’t agree with being out in the sun to get tanned.

I do recommend the liberal use of a sunscreen with protection against both UVA and UVB. It needs to be used in a large-enough quantity to provide protection – approximately an ounce for an average-sized body, plus another teaspoon for the face and neck. I recommend a high-SPF sunscreen (30 or more). I buy mineral sunscreens such as zinc oxide or titanium dioxide for myself and my family. Finally, sunscreen needs to be reapplied regularly, especially when exercising or swimming.

Staying out of the sun, wearing sun-protective clothing, and wearing sunscreen will not only help you avoid cancer, but also help you avoid problems that I see in my older patients, who did what you did when they were young. Now they have thinned skin that bleeds easily, as well as “age spots” and other signs of skin damage from the sun, including wrinkles.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read your recent column on blood pressure. I want to know what the recommended blood pressure is for a completely calm person. In other words, what if my blood pressure is always higher during the day and only stays at the recommended pressure when I’m totally relaxed at night? I read some comments from a longtime cardiologist, stating that you need to take many blood pressure readings during the day and get the average of these readings. – J.J.

Normal blood pressure is considered to be less than 120 mm Hg systolic and less than 80 mm Hg diastolic. It is certainly recommended to be as relaxed as possible when you get your blood pressure taken at the doctor’s office, since many people have “reactive” or “white coat” hypertension and will be treated unnecessarily based on office readings. However, a minority of people have “masked” hypertension, meaning that the office readings are normal when they actually have high blood pressure at home and at work.

What your cardiologist said about getting many readings is correct. The more readings, the better. Best of all is a 24-hour blood pressure monitor, which has been proven to be the most accurate. I recommend a certified blood pressure monitor for all my patients and consider their home readings to be more important than office readings.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. ©2025 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.



Moore Texas by Roger MOORE
On a “non-Texan” note, Southerner and gunslinger Doc Holliday was a practicing dentist.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: X equals M

D MRHGLRM DM VBO VHCSZAJGY
VRZC XBSZYZDCZ PZTBXZ
OZTAZMBAU HJ OMBMZ. ORZ'O
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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The House Veterans’ Affairs Committee



by Freddy Groves

The U.S. House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs has been busy. In a recent week they passed 14 veterans bills, all designed to help veterans and their families.

Here are a few of the bills that passed out of the committee and are ready to go to the full House of Representatives.

The Delivering Digitally to Our Veterans Act of 2025 is intended to improve outreach to benefits by authorizing the VA to send digital messages to veterans instead of only paper mail for G.I. Bill updates. Not only does it save paper, but digital information arrives immediately.

The Protecting Veteran Access to Telemedicine Services Act of 2025 is intended to expand access to health care in rural areas. One crucial component

will allow health care staff to prescribe controlled substances via telemedicine instead of requiring that a veteran appear in person for an appointment. The requirement was temporarily lifted during the pandemic; this bill seeks to make it permanent.

The Women Veterans CANCER Care Coordination Act requires the designation or hiring of a coordinator for each area. The care team, under the direction of the coordinator, is required to coordinate between the various clinicians and cancer care providers, including community care.

The Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship Opportunity Act allows veterans who are going for degrees in engineering, mathematics, technology, science or health care to receive nine additional months of benefits (up to \$30,000).

The Service Member Residence Protection Act protects a veteran’s home

from squatters during periods of military service when the veteran is away. Too many instances of squatters taking over empty homes have tied owners’ hands due to local laws being ineffective. A long process is often necessary, involving the courts and legal eviction, to remove squatters. This amendment to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act preempts those state laws.

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• If you run out of buttermilk, you can use an equal amount of yogurt, preferably nonsweetened, plain, but you can adjust the sugar in a recipe slightly if your yogurt is favorably flavored.

• When entertaining, keep cold drinks in a cooler away from the kitchen. This keeps the floor space free for the cooks.

• Soften brown sugar quickly by grating it on a fine hand grater. If you have a bit more time, add an apple to the container and seal tightly.

• Day-old bread makes excellent handmade croutons. Slice, spray with cooking spray and season with whatever spices on hand sound good. Toast in a 300 degree oven for 10 minutes or so. They are especially good with soups.

• Use a muffin pan to make cookie cups for ice cream or fruit. Just flip your muffin pan over, and press dough over the upturned wells. It will puff up a little, but once it settles, they make very nice bowls. I do this with pizza dough as well. Prebake for a few minutes to form the bowl, then fill with ingredients and complete baking.

• Gotta keep those buns warm? Line your crockpot with foil and add the buns. Keep on low or warm, and place on the buffet. Yum.

• “When making platters of fruit that may brown (apples, pears), coat slices with lemon juice. The acid keeps them from browning.” – T.P. in Washington

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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

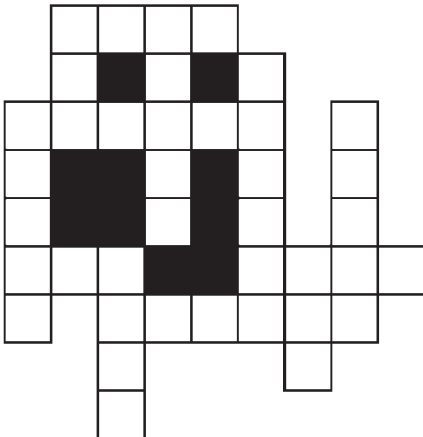
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!
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- ♥HERCO
- PEWT
- ♥WRESOC
- PLO
- ♥VEAR
- ♥RVEES
- ♥RWA
- ASPREO
- ♥RWCES
- ♥ELVA



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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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